GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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INDO IRAN GAS PIPELINE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an arrangement has been arrived at between India and Pakistan regarding the sharing of gas from the proposed Indo-Iran gas pipeline;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the time by which the pipeline project will commence?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): India has been pursuing the import of natural gas from Iran through the Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) transnational gas pipeline. 60 MMSCMD of gas is proposed to be supplied in Phase-I, to be shared equally between India and Pakistan. Various important issues are under discussion amongst the participating countries.

(c): Such multilateral projects involve protracted discussions, as all the aspects have to be carefully examined and deliberated upon to the satisfaction of the participating countries to protect each country`s interests as also to avoid any future problems in the successful operation of the project. Implementation of the project can commence only after satisfactory resolution of the issues under discussion.